

**APPROVED**  
Merrill Township Planning Commission  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Mr. Mark Bates at 7:01 PM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mr. Brian Bordewyk.

Roll Call

Mr. Brian Bordewyk  
Ms. Bonnie St. Amour, Secretary  
Mr. Mark Bates, Chairman  
Ms. Venola Walton-Stanciel, Township Board Representative  
Mr. Jim Alger

Mr. Coffey, MSU Extension

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to add to the agenda the election of officers and Mr. Alger seconded. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2023

Mr. Alger motioned to approve the November minutes and Ms. Walton-Stanciel seconded, motion carried.

**There was no December meeting due to, no quorum.**

Opening Remarks

Mr. Bates informed the Commission that the Township Board has approved the lighting project to upgrade all of the lights in and outside the Township Hall to LEDs. This should be completed in approximately 4-8 weeks.

New Business:

Mr. Coffey worked with the Township Attorney on the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Coffey then assisted the Planning Commission in correcting grammar, spacing and typos within the Zoning Ordinance. The notification of the corrections will be printed in the paper for the public notice.

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to keep the existing Planning Commission members on the Commission. Mr. Cline asked to be removed as the Vice Chair and suggested

moving Mr. Bordewyk into that position and he would remain as a member. Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned and Mr. Alger seconded, the motion carried.

Mr. Bates, Chairman  
Mr. Bordewyk, Vice Chairman  
Ms. St. Amour, Secretary  
Mr. Alger, Commission Member  
Ms. Walton-Stanciel, Board Liasson

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to continue the Planning Commission meetings on the third Thursday of every month. The 2024 meetings will be held at the Merrill Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

#### Public Comments

One person spoke during the public comment.

Mr. Bates adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.